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And carried along his well-filled purse When the sexton came with his begging plate The church was but dim with the candle's light

It's an odd thing now that guineas should be

The penny fell down with a clatter and ring, And back in the scat leaned the stingy man . "The world is so full of the poor," he thought,

"I can't help them all-I give what I can." Ha, ha! how the sexton smiled, to be sure, To see the gold guines fall in the plate! AT H. JEYTE'S DRUG STORE.

Ha, ha! how the stingy man's heart was wrung, Perceiving his blunder, but just to late! No matter," he said; "in the Lord's accoun

That guines of gold is set down to me; They lend to him who give to the poor, It will not so bad an investment be." s, na, mon," the chuckling sexton cried out;

fo knew it was only by accident
That out o' thy fingers the guinea feil. He keeps an account, an doubt, for the pair;

But in that account he'll set down to the Na mair o' that golden guinea, my mon, Than the one bare penny ye mean to gi'e !"

There's a comfort, too, in the little tale-A serious side as well as a joke;

A comfort for all the generous poor In the exmical words that the sexton spoke A comfort to think that the good Lord knows Toilet Articles and And will give us crollt in his secount

The Ruby Ring.

Prudence Holmes sat alone in Blackburn's Building, Second St.

> boarders isn't very nice." the doorway so suddenly that Pru- gave it to me." dence nearly upset her berries in

tocratic-looking youth of twenty- ment, then coquettishly withdrew an appetite again, felt quite reviv- ing that Mr. Abbott Wentworth the residence of a west side physiauburn hair curling close under a

"Yes, it is I, of course. Have you forgotten your promise to go after lilies with me this afternoon ?"

"Oh! but I don't say this afternoon, you know; only some afterdence demurely.

"Well, we'll call it this afternoon, won't we ?" was the persuasive rejoinder, as the straw hat was tossed on a chair.

"I can't; I've got these berries to pick over."

"I'll help you. Lend me half done in a trice."

"But I shall have supper to get. Mother's away and there are bisturning her face to hide a smile that would curve her lips.

"Never mind that," responded Mr. Abbott Wentworth, bringing a chair to her side. "Tea's at six, isn't it? and it's half-past two .-We'll be back by five, without fail, and have time to get half the lilies in the river." And he began to assort a handful of berries with

much earnestness. a glance at the clock, "I can go for a little while, perhaps. Oh! don't

stain your coat, Mr. Wentworth." But Mr. Wentworth was sublimely indifferent to his coat, and worked with such good will that the ber-Prudence and himself on the way looked more at his companion than at the aspects of nature. They fy them, and Prudence was leaning backward and idyl trailing one hand in the water, when she suddenly uttered a little scream and sat erect with white cheeks, from which the color had been frightened.

"Did the water sweep it off your

tirely for the world, because it lilac bush to observe it, and linger- shake hands!"

guard it; or better yet, exchange Farmer Holmes atoned for her silwith me. Give me yours and take ence by unusual jollity. this instead," said the young man daringly. Provoking Prudence a second time to Mr. Wentworth, ara Falls, has been telling Eli Perlooke lat the heavily-chased gold he saw that one was left, and would kins about Jenny Lind's visit to ring he held out to her, and then have refused decorously, but the the Falls, in which the great artist's looking back at the water with an hospitable farmer pressed it upon fervent plety is manifested. The innocent "Oh! I don't think it him. would fit."

nally agreed, blushingly, that it and Prudence disappeared to re- to chaperone her about the points would be no harm to try, and slip- plenish the plate. Mr. Wentworth of interest, and so he says: "I ped the ring on her fore-finger.

dence, you surely don't mean to bread, lay Prudence's ruby ring. her brow and said: 'I thank God give it back ?"

rejoinder. "Why not ?"

face hidden by the flat hat; "be- kept until called for," he said, with shame, she said, for all these ask you-"

noon this week," responded Prn- listener, "do you see that lilly on protestations and disclaimings, and Terrapin tower used to overlook your left-won't you get it for she was thankful to beat a retreat the Horseshoe Fall and the boiling

others, if you'll listen to me first. sued by a laughing trio of ladies, arm in mine, but I felt it gradually Do you care for me, Prudence ! harrassed with questions and won- glide away from me. All at once

and her head bent lower. A crim- seized her hat with the excuse that unbeliever in the world, to let his

"Prudence !"

cuits to make," insisted Prudence, leaned over, and took her hand the furthest end of the orchard, the captain, wiping his bronzed again venturously.

"I'd rather have grandma's, please. I ought to go home, Mr. Wentworth, for I know it's almost tea-time."

after a pause for consideration and his pocket, and took up his oars mediately hid her face again. energetically, without a word. He "You needn't thank me. I should which always means that a woman was fresh from college, and had have brought it before, but I could don't love a man, but feels it her held the stroke oar in many a race, not find you. I hope you are not duty not to say so? but he never made better time than troubled about those ridiculous. be made that afternoon in rowing jokes." he added dignifiedly. up the river. The light boat shot along with the rower's brows knit- erably, between her sobs; "I per. ted and his teeth set. Not once thought you'd think I did it on did he look at Prudence, who sat purpose. in half-puzzled, half-alarmed silence, now and then stealing side- It was a mere accident my getting wise glances at the offended young that particular biscuit. I'm very the secrets of the sanctum. Hercules from under her hat. Mr. sorry you've been annoyed in Wentworth drew a breath of re- this. I'm going away to-morrow, loafing place. lief when the boat at last grated on Miss Prudence." the sand, and having assisted Prudence to land, and curtly offered to Miss Prudence said surprisingly, carry her lillies, he shouldered the "Are you !" oars and marched grimly home by her side. Prudence, somewhat bewildered and more angry, made no effort to break the silence, and studiously endeavored to keep from crying. When he at last left her at the door, with a cool "Thank you, Miss Prudence," and departed to carry the oars to the barn, it was well he did not look back, for Miss Prudence tossed the lillies

on the kitchen table.

"What a curious old ring it is!"

how to guard against losing it in lin was very hilarious, and the eat- place of her lost ornament. To "Oh! yes, if you please."

ion softly.

speaking very earnestly, and disre- move the ring from the biscuit, looking at, captain? 'Looking at garding his oars altogether, while amidst the merry chorus, and drop you, Miss Lind, said I; 'you are he tried to get a glimpse of the it in his waistcoat pocket-"to be one of God's wonders, too.' 'Its a cause I meant to ask you to wear a significant glance at her scarlet crowds to be looking at me, when it always for my sake, I meant to face. Poor Prudence! there was the great Creator is all around

Will you marry me ?"

that apron, and we'll have them son flush stole over ears, neck, and she must go to the village for let- eyes look on the Creator's work bechin.

> ring ?" he questioned softly. But the hand was hastily drawn cried half an hour, when a step pointed out the Horseshoe Fall to away; a pair of saucy black eyes crushed the dry grass at her side, -blast my eyes if she hasn't. To flashed in his own, and Prudence's roused her, and the very voice she show it," continued the captain, merry laugh rang over the water. | most dreaded to hear, said :

aside, with a petulant gesture, and making a great effort for composure. destroyed?" "Destroyed, sir!" had a fit of crying with her head

he did see a picture that comforted other reason!" him a little through the hop-wreathed pantry window. It was Pru-

"Very pretty. Shall I tell you the sensation, for a group of mus- a heavily-chased gold circle in the ables disappeared rapidly. Pru- use the words of one of the above dence, presiding between the pots, named boarders, "That tells the "Wear this little ring of mine to seemed rather out of spirits, but whole story."

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When the biscuits were passed Captain Thompson, of the Ning-

"Try it," suggested her compan- ty more in the kitchen; ain't there, steamer, and on the singer's visit-Prudence?" Thus pressed, Mr. ing Niagara and learning that the Prudence shook her bead, but fi- Wentworth accepted the biscuit, captain resided there, asked him divided the biscuit, then dropped took her to see 'em. And oh, what "It's a perfect fit!" cried Mr. it suddenly with an exclamation a soul she had. When she saw the Wentworth delightedly. "Nothing that brought every eye upon him. rapids above the Falls, the timid could be better. Why, Miss Pru- There, imbedded in the light, white woman trembled, put her hand to

Miss Prudence."

Poor little Prudence sat up hast- show her gratitude! And didn't ily and took the unfortunate ring I get a letter after she'd been Mr. Wentworth put his ring in faltering "Thank you;" then im- married to the Jew, saying: "I

"N-o," responded Prudence, mis-

"How could I have thought so f

The sobs partially ceased, and the compositor's hands.

"Won't you bid me good-by ;"

Prudence said "Yes," unsteadily, but did not raise her head. "You will shake hands won't you, Miss Prodence ?"

No answer. "I can't go away while you are offended with me. Won't you, at least, tell me why you are crying !"

of himself. "Why, it's safe on de idea." "Well, sir, what would When Mr. Wentworth returned your finger and not a whit the most certainly be destroyed?" from the barn, half an hour later, worse for its baking. Is there no

"N-o."

dence with her sleeves pinned up, another happy moment if I've of nebber taught to play upon dem, molding biscuits with desperate fended you," said he tragically. "I sah. Hi! yah!" haste, while the tears fell thickly was a brute to treat you as I did "I suppose so; it's too large for on her high calico apron. This this afternoon; but I am going me. I'm always losing it and find- picture so amazed Mr. Wentworth away and shan't annoy you again. "Oh! dear, this having summer ing it again. I wouldn't lose it en- that he retreated hastily behind a Won't you forgive me now, and Another long silence.

Mr. Wentworth turned away in

"You-won't-go-away."

"Well I" was the breathless in-

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captain made Jenny's acquaintance "Don't be afraid of it; there's plen- when he commanded a Mississippi Such a shout of laughter arose for this' As we passed on to Goat "Of course I do," was the saucy that it brought Prudence back from Island," continued the captain, the kitchen in haste, just in time "the peple followed in crowds, and "Because," said Mr. Wentworth, to see Mr. Wentworth coolly re- Jenny said: 'What are they all no peace for her after that. An them.' When we got across the "Oh! Mr. Wentworth," cried his army of jokes everwhelmed her island and stood on the point where to the kitchen when the meal was cauldron beneath, Jenny was trans-"I'll get you that and twenty over. But even there she was pur- fixed with amazement. I had her derment and merriment, until the she dropped on her knees. She Prudence's face was turned away last dish was set away and she had prayed the Lord, if there was an ters. Instead of going to the vil- fore her-let him come and see the lage, however, she stole along the power and majesty of the Al-No answer. Her companion hedge, climed the wall, and ran to mighty's work.' I tell you," said where she flung herself on the forehead with a blue bandaus. "Prodence, will you wear the ground, and cried as if her heart "this Swede girl has the biggest would break. She had, perhaps, soul in her of any woman I've ever "didn't she go and marry that "I've come to return your ring, Goldsmith, just because his father educated her, and she wanted to respect him, and I think I love him,

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Little Johnny has peculiar views as to original sin. One day he was about to be punished for some misdemeanor, when he pleaded: "It wasn't me, mamma dear-1', was the badman." "Well, Johnny I'm going to whip the bad man out of you." "Ab, yes, but that'll burt me a precious lot more than it will the bad man."

"Isn't that extravagance ?" remarked a gentleman to his com-The more observant boarders panion, as he observed half a dozed by the sight of this table and wore the ring he had found in the cian. "Why, no, not for a doctor," "Isn't it pretty!" she inquired the memory of the picture. The biscuit on the little finger of his returned the other, "when the rest of the boarders seemed to share left hand, and that Prudence were green-apple season is at its height,"

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the wide, shady kitchen, busily engaged in picking over whortleberries. Without, the golden sunshine of an August afternoon bathed the wound away to the village, and the heavy Virginia creeper that fair brow and cheeks that had a touch of wild-rose bloom upon them. The kitchen to,-such a pretty picture, with its well-scoured floor and dresser, its asparagus-topped clock, its shining stove, with bunches of herbs hung behind, and the great bouquet of vivid cardinal flowers set on the snowy table .-The kitchen was perfectly still, save the buzz of the flies and the tick of the clock; and outside, the crickets and locusts alone disturbed the silence. Prudence believed that

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every one in the house was asleep but herself, and and yawned some- ger. what wearily, as she tossed over the berries, finishing the yawn with a bit of soliloguy uttered half aloud:

her surprise.

one, with merry blue eyes, short it. Will Receive Prompt Attention. straw hat, diving for the missing archly.

green fields and dusty road that ries were soon picked over, and touched with rich color the nasturtiums and sweet peas and greaniums Prudence, with her draperies daintand zinnis in the tiny garden, and ily bestowed around her, was seated in the stern of a little boat, which, climbed and blossomed above the propelled by Mr. Wentworth's pracdoor. Prudence made a pretty ticed hands, shot swiftly down picture as she sat on a low cricket stream. Although Mr. Wentworth with a big calico apron spread over said to Prudence five times within her blue sprigged muslin dress to an hour that it was a lovely day, defend it from the stains that had and although Prudence assented soiled her little brown hands. She every time, I hardly think they was a petite, daintily-rounded maiden, of eighteen, with great dark for Prudence was quite absorbed eyes and glossy curls shadowing a with the lilies and the reflections had gatherd enough lillies to satis-

"Oh! I almost lost it. How careless I am !" she exclaimed, replacing an oldfashioned ring, set with a tiny circle of rubies, on her fin-

"Miss Prudence," said a voice in used to be grandmother's. She ed so long that he was late at tea. This was a model supper. There was a great dish of berries with despair, but was detained by a said Mr. Wentworth, with interest snowy cream beside, flanked by faltering voice: "I-I'll forgive "Oh, Mr. Wentworth, is it you!" "May I look at it! Don't trouble cheese and raspberry jam. There you, if-" she said bashfully, bending down yourself to take it off," he added, were two mountainous plates of snowy biscuit, contrasting with the terposition. to pick up a few berries that had drawing his oars and leaning to-rolled from her apron. Snowy biscuit, contrasting with the t ward his companion. Prudence al-"I'll pick 'em up !" said the new lowed her tiny brown hand to lie the butter. Mr. Wentworth, who comer,—a tall and and rather aris- in his aristocratic white one a mo- had supposed he should never have noticed at breakfast the next morn- en men taking an \$1,800 piano into